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### **DRUG BUST YIELDS CRACK, MARIJUANA**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – May 22, 2006** – Eleven grams of crack cocaine and two ounces of marijuana were seized and four people were arrested for conspiracy to sell and deliver drugs during a May 4 drug sting.

Joseph Martin Bettis, Stephen Tyrone Smith, Tyree Marques Gill, and Joseph Bettis, Jr. were arrested after Joseph Bettis, Jr. was observed selling the drugs to an undercover police officer.

Joseph Martin Bettis was arrested for conspiracy to sell and deliver crack cocaine, maintaining a motor vehicle to keep crack cocaine, and possession of a malt beverage under 21 years of age.

Stephen Tyrone Smith was arrested for conspiracy to sell and deliver crack cocaine, simple possession of marijuana, and possession of alcohol by person under 21.

Tyree Marques Gill was arrested for conspiracy to sell and deliver crack cocaine, possession of alcohol by person under 21, and open container violation.

Joseph Bettis, Jr. was arrested for two counts of possession with intent to sell and deliver crack cocaine, conspiracy to sell and deliver crack cocaine, and maintaining a motor vehicle to transport crack cocaine.

The arrests were the result of an undercover operation by the Wake Forest Police Department's Narcotics Division with assistance from the Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit.

For more information about the Wake Forest Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit, contact Lt. Darren Abbacchi at (919) 554-6163.

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